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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN USGS AND MINISTRY OF
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PASS TO GERALD R. OLSEN FROM A. H. CHIDESTER, USGS

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER OF AUGUST 4, 1978
FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR BALSLEY OF USGS TO MINISTER OF
ENERGY AND MINES, VALENTIN HERNANDEZ ACOSTA. QUOTE WE
WERE PLEASED TO LEARN FROM MR. CHIDESTER AND MR. NOBLE OF
THE CORDIAL AND PROMISING DISCUSSIONS THAT THEY HAD WITH
YOU AND OFFICERS WITHIN THE MINISTRY CONCERNING POSSIBLE
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CONSEJO NACIONAL PARA EL DESARROLLO
DEL INDUSTRIA NUCLEAR AND THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN
URANIUM RESOURCES EXPLORATION AND ASSESSMENT. IT APPEARS
THAT MUCH OF OUR EXPERIENCE IN URANIUM EXPLORATION AND
MANY OF OUR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN SUCH FIELDS AS DATA
PROCESSING, DEPOSIT MODELING, CHARACTERISTIC ANALYSIS,
REMOTE SENSING, AND GEOPHYSICAL TECHNIQUES IN MINERAL
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EXPLORATION, MAY BE APPLICABLE TO THE URANIUM RESOURCES
EXPLORATION PROGRAM IN VENEZUELA. WE ANTICIPATE THE
POSSIBILITY OF A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION BETWEEN
THE USGS AND THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE ARRIVAL IN RESTON OF A TEAM FROM
THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM

OF COOPERATION BETWEEN CONAN AND THE USGS, AS OUR TEAM
DISCUSSED WITH YOU IN CARACAS. AS SOON AS A FIRM DATE
FOR THE DISCUSSIONS CAN BE SET, WE WILL NOTIFY YOU.

WE WANT TO EXPRESS, ALSO, OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR
THE CORDIAL HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO MR. CHIDESTER AND
MR. NOBLE DURING THEIR VISIT IN CARACAS. SINCERELY
YOURS, J. R. BALSLEY, ACTING DIRECTOR. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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